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## EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR OPENING

### Winston Students Admitted Tuition-Free

#### East Central's Group Now Five Counties Wide

Supervisors and School Board Approve Quarter Mill Levy

Here's good news for the boys and girls from Winston county. At their regular meeting in August the board of supervisors passed an order expressing its intention to levy a quarter of a mill tax levy for the support and maintenance of the East Central Junior college. The school board has expressed its desire to join the junior college organization.

This means that the students from Winston county attending East Central will come tuition-free and that they will be entitled to all the advantages and privileges which students from Newton, Neshoba, Scott, and Leake have.

#### Environment at E. C. Genuinely Christian

East Central Junior College, in its atmosphere and teachings, is genuinely Christian. The religious life of the campus centers around the Christian organizations: Christian Reserves, Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A. The excellent conduct and fine spirit of the school is due largely to the work of these organizations. Students are given an opportunity to take part in religious services and to become leaders in these groups.

Just off the college campus are the Methodist and Baptist churches and students are expected to attend the church of their choice each Sunday. The weekly meetings of the young people's organizations of the churches, the Epworth League and the B.Y.P.U. are largely attended by students from the college, and are always chaperoned by teachers in charge.

#### J. R. Gipson New Business Manager

For some time East Central has felt the need of a business manager to handle the business affairs and keep the records of the school. Mr. J. R. Gipson, formerly instructor in the commercial school at Miss. State College and also assistant business manager of the Athletic department of that college, has been secured to fill this position. The position of business manager is very important in any college and will prove to be a very much needed asset to East Central.

#### College Campus Boasts Picturesque Beauty Site

In the center of the campus and connected with each other by means of concrete walks and overhead brick arbors, are five main buildings, all made of brick. These buildings are the Administration building, Science-Commerce, Gymnasium-Auditorium, Boy's Dormitory and Girls Dormitory. One central heating plant supplies all buildings, and pure water is available from the town system. Other buildings on the campus are three residences, one used for a boys' hospital, one for a girls' hospital and the other the Superintendent's home.

The campus, covered with green and with attractive driveways connecting the main buildings and other parts of the campus, furnishes a picturesque background and foreground for the buildings. The experimental farm which is operated by the college is very up to date and modern in every way.

#### Miss Dacey Girls Physical Director

Miss Marguerite Dacey, director of Physical Education, teacher of health and hygiene and girls basketball and track coach, is rated among the best in the South. Miss Dacey graduated from Miss. State college for Women, where she was an outstanding major in Miss E. O. Pohl's department of physical education. Miss Pohl has turned out some of the best physical education teachers and trainers in the United States, and Miss Dacey is rated by her as one of the best ever to receive a diploma in her department.

After graduating from M. S. C. W. she accepted a position as head of the physical education department in the Biloxi High school. She has for the past nine years been head of that department, and during the summer spent her time studying at Columbia university. She recently received a Master's degree in physical education at that institution.

As explained elsewhere in this issue, an accredited course in physical education for girls will be taught by Miss Dacey. Mr. Todd stated that for some time this school and territory has felt the need of such a course, and East Central Junior college is very fortunate in having secured the services of such a capable professor to teach the course.

Both sports, basketball and track, are very popular in this section and students from the large schools that attend the basketball games.

#### Living Costs Lowest Among State Schools

Due to the fact that the college owns and operates its own experimental farm where milk and vegetables are produced, East Central boasts of having the lowest living expenses of any boarding school, junior college or university in the state.

The boarding department is run on a cooperative basis and at the lowest possible figure consistent with wholesome and good living. All boarding students and teachers take meals in the dining hall, and the fare is the same for all. Supplies are purchased wholesale by having sealed bids submitted by wholesale grocers in this territory. The school farm furnishes milk and vegetables at production cost.

As much of the work as possible in the boarding department is done with student help in order to allow them to take part in their expenses while at school.

The other features of the college are in keeping with the aim of the school to offer a means of education to the young people of Newton, Scott, Leake, and Neshoba counties at the lowest possible cost.

#### Students Should Decide Courses of Their Choice

Courses are offered at East Central that lead in general directions:

1. To higher work in the liberal arts department in senior colleges.
2. To professional schools.
3. To teaching or to teacher colleges.
4. To commercial work.
5. To practical agriculture and home work.

The student should know as well as possible which of the above directions he wishes to follow when he enters college; however he will have the benefit of counsel and advice from the school officials during registration. For the large body of students not going further than the junior college, courses chosen should be as practical as possible.

#### Nat'l Guard Is Valued Unit Of College Course

Group Composed Entirely of E. C. J. C. Student Members

The Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 3rd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery, Mississippi National Guard was organized a year ago last May, Captain Isaac Walton, who was then teaching in the East Central Junior College, supported by Messrs. Ross Collins, Jim Thomas, Laar Williams, Jim Rivers, Walt Newman, and others, petitioned Adjutant Grayson of the Mississippi National Guard to locate headquarters at Decatur. The officers chosen at that time were Isaac Walton, Captain; C. R. Johnson, first lieutenant; Doyle Waldrop, of Newton, second lieutenant; Lieut. O. E. Gully being attached to the 3rd battalion staff.

Capt. Walton accepted employment outside of the state, and because of this, was forced to resign his commission. W. P. Wilson, who was at the time elected to fill the vacancy in the faculty of E. C. J. C., it was contemplated to succeed Capt. Walton.

The unit is composed of 24 enlisted men. This unit is considered a part of the school and is composed entirely of students at E. C. J. C. These men receive compensation for the services in the guard every quarter which in many cases has greatly aided the boys in meeting their expenses in college. Many complimentary reports have been given in regard to the work carried on by the officers and men of this unit, both during the regular armory drill period and during the encampment this summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The officers of this unit are especially proud of the showing they made on Federal Army inspection, and the high grade they received from the federal and national guard instructors during the camp period.

Capt. Wilson reports that he has a waiting list of around a hundred names already. This testifies to the popularity of the unit with the trustees, school authorities, and with the student body. We expect this unit as it grows in years to be one of the most efficient units of the national guard. Aside from receiving compensation for their services, the members of the unit learn many lessons in military discipline which will aid them in meeting the problems of life.

#### Heads College



SUPT. L. O. TODD

#### Supt. Todd Sends A Message to Students

We are all joining together in building a school here at East Central. We should like to have the young men and women of our section to come here and help us in the opportunity. We are building a school that will develop in us a well rounded education. Our courses are arranged to lead in five directions:

1. To business.
2. To professional schools.
3. To teaching or to teachers colleges.
4. To commercial work.
5. To practical agriculture and home work.

We have a well rounded program of activities. We will have a superior physical education program for girls and athletics for boys. We cultivate the spiritual and religious activities. Other wholesome activities will interest you.

We have a strong faculty. They are people of character. They have had long valuable experience in their work. They are well trained. Their chief interest is to help the young men and women who enroll.

During the past ten years the number of young people at junior college age who are attending educational institutions has increased fifty per cent. Due to this, economic and social conditions have changed.

Many more have had to seek further training. Conditions have changed. Enrollment in schools has been said to be misled into believing that training is a waste of time. (Continued on page 4)

#### East Central's Staff Includes Valued Members

Many Hold Degrees From Leading Universities of Country

East Central Junior college boasts of one of the most efficient faculties of all the Junior colleges in the South. With the exception of three, every member of the faculty has a masters degree, or lacks only a few qualifications in his or her field of teaching, and several are working on their doctor's degree.

Mr. C. R. Johnson, vice-supt. of the college and professor of history, received his M. A. degree at Peabody, and was superintendent of public schools from 1924 to 1930. He has been connected with East Central since 1930. Capt. W. P. Wilson, director of athletics and professor of biology, is a candidate for his M. S. at the University of Missouri. He has been in his present position for the past year.

Mrs. W. W. Newsom, head of the English department, has been a member of the faculty since the origin of the college in 1928. She obtained her M. A. at the University of Mississippi. Mrs. Jane Sullivan, professor of chemistry, received her Master's degree from the University of Mississippi. She has been connected with the college since 1928 (previous to 1928 it was the Newton county A. H. S.).

Mr. J. W. Baker, professor of history and education, has completed his work, except his thesis, on an M. A. degree at Peabody. He was previous to his connection with East Central Junior college superintendent of city school at Forest City, N. C.

Mr. G. F. Gully, professor of agriculture, is a candidate for his M. S. at Cornell university. He is well versed in the agricultural problems of this section.

Miss Ethel Burton, librarian, has a B. A. degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma. She has been with the college since 1931.

Miss Mary Robbins, teacher in the school of commerce, attended the Bowling Green Business college. She has been with E. C. J. C. since 1931.

Mr. F. M. Gross, professor of science and assistant coach in athletics, gained his M. S. degree at Emory university. He has had considerable experience as professor of science at Lambuth college, and also at the Hattiesburg high school.

Mr. N. C. Young, professor of biology and assistant coach.

#### Supt. L. O. Todd Noted Educator

Ranks High in Civic, Social Affairs of State

Mr. L. O. Todd, newly elected superintendent of East Central Junior college, ranks right at the top in the educational circles of Mississippi.

After having gained his B. S. degree at Peabody college, he attended Columbia university, where he received his M. A. degree, and he has now practically completed his graduate work for a Ph. D. at Columbia also. His entire graduate work has been in school administration.

Not only has he studied the theoretical side of his vocation, but has been continually in contact with the practice. Since 1916, was, previous to his present position, superintendent of city school at Collins, Mississippi, for three years and superintendent of city schools at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for seven years.

In the past he has been chairman of the high school section of Mississippi High school association, and president of department of superintendents in the Mississippi Education association. At present he is president of East Central Literary and Athletic association, and a member of our committee of educational improvement.

Aside from his educational achievements he is very prominent in civic and social affairs of the community and state at large. He is a Rotarian and a member of the Board of Stewards in the First Methodist church.

#### Music Dept. Offers Wide Range Courses

Students May Select from Piano, Voice, and Theory

The music department at East Central is one of the most thoroughly equipped and complete in its scope among school of this size in the South. With three main courses being offered (piano, voice, and theory), a student has a wide field of accredited courses to select from.

The piano course is divided into a preparatory course and a college course; the voice department is composed of solo courses and the glee club; the theoretical department is composed of the history of music, harmony, and diction.

The glee club sponsors quite a few programs every year in various towns and over the radio.

#### Alumni Meeting Called By President Eubanks

A meeting of the executive committee of the alumni association of the Newton County A. H. S., and East Central Junior College, has been called for Saturday, September 1, 1:30 p. m., in the College Auditorium, by Leon Eubanks, president of the association. At this meeting definite plans will be formulated for the fall meeting of the association in connection with Homecoming.

The association at its meeting last November directed the executive committee to arrange for a program similar to the one carried out last year. The features of Homecoming last year were a banquet, business session, college football game, and a dance. The entire program lasting from Friday night through Saturday night. Only bona fide members (those who have paid their fifty cents lifetime membership fees) are permitted to attend the banquet and dance. Only bona fide members may participate in the business session. Alumni, especially the

#### Prospects Good For Rush Sept. 4

Indications Point to the Largest Enrollment In History

As time draws near for the opening date and as letters from new students reserving rooms keep coming in, all indications are that the East Central Junior college will have this season, the largest enrollment in the history of the school. For some time Mr. Gipson, new business manager of the college, has been busy corresponding with prospective and old students and he states that the general trend of the letters points toward a more enthusiastic student body than at any time in the past. Every day several boys and girls accompanied by their fathers will call at the Superintendent's office to inquire as to the cost of registration, expenses for the year and formalities of registering at the opening of school.

Several new members of the faculty will add greatly to the educational facilities of the college. An accredited course in physical education, which is explained in detail elsewhere on this page is being offered for the first time in an effort to satisfy the growing need of such a course for this district. Also, the commercial school is greatly improved over that of the past. Quite a few new courses have been put on in that school in order to keep in line with the ever changing demand for better trained men and women in the business world of today. The agricultural school is also being made more and more efficient as improvements are realized and added.

For the first time since East Central was organized a boxing and track team will represent the school in contests over the state and neighboring territory. Quite an improvement in the coaching staff has been effected in order to enable Capt. Wilson, head coach, to broaden his athletic activities.

Superintendent Todd announced Saturday that everything was fast being put in readiness for the opening rush on Sept. 4, and officials of the school are very optimistic over the prospects for a most successful year in every way.

#### High School and Jr. Col. Fully Accredited

The Newton County Agricultural High school and the East Central Junior college are both controlled by the same board of trustees. The high school is fully accredited by the State High School Accrediting Commission. The Junior college is fully accredited by the State College Commission. The college has been on the accredited list of Junior colleges of the state since the end of the first year it was organized. Students attending East Central receive full credit for their first two years work at any college in the United States.

The Agricultural high school operates only the eleventh and twelfth grades while the junior college carries one to his junior year in college.

members of last year's college and high school graduating classes are urged to send fifty cents to Evelyn Carleton, secretary-treasurer at once in order that announcements of the fall meeting may be mailed to them. This is the last year, according to the new constitution that the high school graduates will be eligible for membership.

Members of the executive committee are: Leon Eubanks, pres.; Bert Richardson, vice-president; Evelyn Carleton, secretary-treasurer; Mack Rowzee, chairman of the resolutions committee; and Edna Blount, chairman of the refreshments committee.